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FROM MCCLOY

KAISER'S 7117 FROM LONDON IS AN ADEQUATE REPORT OF MY MEETING
WITH THOMSON AND DUCKWITZ. THERE ARE CERTAIN NUANCES WHICH
CAN BE EXPLAINED ON MY RETURN. IN REGARD TO THOMSON'S REFERENCE
[REDACTED] I WOULD PUT IT THAT THOMSON INDICATED
THAT OF REDUCTIONS NOW TO BE MADE HE WOULD HOPE THAT ONE WAY
OR ANOTHER COULD BE FOUND TO ENABLE THEM TO KEEP IN GERMANY

AS TO THE [REDACTED] IN CIVILIAN GOODS TO WHICH DUCKWITZ
REFERRED I FEEL THAT IT COULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A DEFINITE OFFER.
IT HAD CONDITIONAL ASPECT AS WELL. MCGHEE
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THE MILITARY SITUATION WILL RAPIDLY DETERIORATE, THE PUBLIC WILL PANIC, FANK WILL COLLAPSE AND THE EXTRACTION WOULD THEN BE CARRIED OUT UNDER CONSIDERABLY MORE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS. IN THE INTEREST OF SAVING LIVES AND MINIMIZING THE RISK TO THOSE FOR WHOM WE ARE RESPONSIBLE, ADMIRAL GAYLER IS RECOMMENDING THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS, THAT EAGLE PULL BE AUTHORIZED SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. I WOULD ONLY ADD TO THIS THAT ONCE PHNOM PENH COMES UNDER INTENSIVE 105 HOWITZER SHELLING - ESPECIALLY THE CHANCERY AND THE LANDING ZONES FOR OUR HELICOPTERS - USAF WOULD HAVE TO EMPLOY SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AGAINST THESE ENEMY POSITIONS WHICH WOULD BE MESSY BUT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE EVACUATION.

S. MY REPLY TO THE ADMIRAL OVER THE PHONE THIS MORNING WAS THAT I AM WORKING ON THE BASIS OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH HAVE AUTHORIZED ME TO REDUCE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS AND THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS FOR WHOM WE ARE RESPONSIBLE. THIS IS BEING DONE. IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN WASHINGTON'S THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT PLEASE LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WE CAN TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS HERE. I DO AGREE WITH ADMIRAL GAYLER IN ONE RESPECT: I THINK IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF DAYS UNTIL THE SITUATION WILL COLLAPSE MILITARILY IN PHNOM PENH. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS IS 48 HOURS OR SEVERAL DAYS.

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH ACTING PRIME MINISTER

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1. AFTERNOON OF MARCH 3 I DELIVERED TO ACTING PRIME MINISTER HANG THUN HAK MESSAGE FROM LONG BORET (REFTEL) IN WHICH HE ANNOUNCED HIS RETURN TO PHNOM PENH APRIL 6. I AVAILED MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK HANG THUN HAK HOW HE SAW THE SITUATION IN THE CAPITAL. HE REPLIED THAT CERTAINLY THE LOSS OF MEAK LUONG WAS A SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW, BUT PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IS THE DISCOURAGING NEWS COMING OUT OF VIETNAM. MANY KHMER ARE WONDERING RIGHT NOW WHETHER FANK CAN HOLD WHEN THE MUCH MORE POWERFUL SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY IS RAPIDLY LOSING LARGE PORTIONS OF SOUTH VIETNAM TO THE ENEMY, I POINTED OUT THAT FANK IS NOT FIGHTING THE SAME ENEMY AS ARVN.

2. HANG THUN HAK ADMITTED THAT KHMER MORALE HAS LOW RIGHT NOW, BUT MEETINGS WERE PLANNED BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVILIANS TO SHORE UP THE MORALE OF THE FIGHTING FORCES. I SAID I PLANNED TO TAKE MY CAR AND, WITH THE FLAGS FLYING, VISIT AS MUCH OF PHNOM PENH AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO SHOW TH CONTINUED PRESENCE OF
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THE US IN PHNOM PENH. HE THOUGHT THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT
IDEA.

3. I SPENT THE NEXT HOUR DRIVING THROUGH THE MORE
POPULATED SECTIONS OF THE CAMBODIAN CAPITAL, SHOWING
THE FLAG AND THEREBY DISPELLING RUMORS THAT THE
AMERICANS ARE LEAVING. WHILE THERE WERE A FEW BLUM
FACES, MANY BYSTANDERS SMILED AND POINTED WITH
SATISFACTION TO THE AMERICAN FLAG. I WISH I COULD HAVE
MORE THAN JUST COSMETIC SUPPORT TO PROVIDE AT THIS
STAGE WHEN THE KHMER ARE FACING THEIR MOST DIFFICULT
MOMENTS.

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